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Hi Amy,

Just thought I'd pass along that my management is making inquiries about where we are with informal review of the seasonal DO criteria in the eastern LMRAP. I'm not sure how much longer I have to make a judgment, based on FWS input, on the wisdom of re-approving those criteria, particularly in waters where the Gulf sturgeon occurs. I fear if I wait much longer, they may just ask that we go through formal consultation using our previous biological evaluation/assessment. If you have a chance to get the information you were rounding up for me to me this week or early next, and any other input you can provide on the wisdom of seasonal criteria (2.3/5.0) in waters where Gulf sturgeon operate, that would be great.

Also, I just received LDEQ's formal submission of the change to the turbidity criterion in Wilson and Bradley Sloughs. I think you said a letter expressing concurrence was being worked on for that (??) If so, great! If not, just a simple, informal email from you expressing concurrence would be enough for me to move forward on the approval action. My goal is to be able to take that action with a concurrence in hand, instead of being forced to take it (because of our own statutory deadlines for taking action on WQS submissions) contingent upon completion of consultation under ESA 7(d). That didn't work so well last time when we tried to do it with eastern LMRAP. I still have a fair amount of time in front of me to get that done, but if you're nearing completion on a letter to us, that would be most helpful.

So much going on in Louisiana these days!

Thanks so much!

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